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1. The military arrest of Lt. Colonel Edmundo Carvajal, Commander of the Ecuadoran Air Force, for disciplinary reasons, has resulted in a virtual declaration of independence by the Air Force. While Carvajal is in confinement, the Air Force refuses to obey orders of the Minister of Defense and has broken all relations with the Army. The Air Force incident is not, however, considered to be dangerous in itself.
2. Rumors concerning the existence of a revolutionary movement in Guayaquil have been confirmed by a preliminary investigation made by the Government. The Minister of Defense has ordered a tank detachment from San Antonio to proceed to Guayaquil to prevent any disorders, but the Minister is unaware that this detachment is said to be composed of anti-Government factions.
3. Guayaquil Communists are planning to cut communications with Quito in the event of trouble.

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